

<b>Self-help Law Program</b>		<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 2110-01-l2
		<b>Division:</b> Supreme Court Ops
		<b>Program:</b> Self-help Law Program
<b>Agency Name:</b>	Judicial Branch	
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**Program or Project Description:**

The 2007 Legislature appropriated \$505,000 (OTO) from the state general fund to the Supreme Court for the 2009 biennium to provide self-help legal tools, information, and training to persons involved in the civil legal system without direct representation by an attorney (pro se).

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund	252,500	1,056	252,500	0
State Special	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$252,500</b>	<b>\$1,056</b>	<b>\$252,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of October 31, 2007

**Goal(s):**

Increase access to Montana's courts for individuals unable to afford an attorney by creating, distributing, and maintaining resources for self-represented litigants.

**Performance Measures :**

Results of initial program evaluation (available November, 2008)  
Also see milestones

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	Hire statewide coordinator		Aug-07
2	Complete contract agreement for self-help form and instruction developer		Sep-07
3	Complete funding agreements for staffed self-help centers in Yellowstone and Flathead Counties		Nov-07
4	Train staff for self-help centers in Yellowstone and Flathead Counties and open centers		Dec-07
5	Complete initial evaluation of self-help law program	Nov-08	

**Performance Report:****LFD Narrative:****EXECUTIVE CHANGES:**

- Changes to goals/initiatives - No
- Changes to performance measures - No

**LFD ASSESSMENT:**

- Goal is measurable within the biennium: partially - focused on implementation
- Progress toward goal: On-track

**APPROPRIATION ISSUES:**

- Appropriation/expenditures provided - Yes
- Other appropriation issues - None

**OPTIONS REGARDING THE GOAL/INITIATIVE AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

- On track - remove from discussion in June 2008 but include in November 2008 discussion
- Given that the initial program evaluation will not be completed until November 2008, the type and amount of information available for legislative consideration during the 2009 session is uncertain.



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AO-1	12/04/07	Gervais

Change Description
1st report





